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SUBJ: SY: PROTECTION FOR INDIAN CONSULATE GENERAL,
SAN FRANCISCO

1. FOREIGN MINISTRY JOINT SECRETARY FOR AMERICAN AFFAIRS
TEJA ASKED POL COUNSELLOR TODAY TO INQUIRE ABOUT POLICE
PROTECTION FOR THE INDIAN CONSULATE IN SAN FRANCISCO. TEJA
SAID THAT IN RECENT WEEKS THE CONSULATE HAD RECEIVED THREATS
FROM MEMBERS OF ANANDA MARG. SAN FRANCISCO POLICE WERE
ASKED TO SEND OFFICERS TO PROVIDE PROTECTION. THEY ALLEGEDLY
SAID THEY WERE UNABLE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE AND REFERRED
CONSULATE TO FBI AND STATE DEPT OFFICES IN SAN FRANCISCO.
THESE HAD ALSO NOT PROVIDED PROTECTION REQUIRED. TEJA SAID
HE UNDERSTOOD THAT LOCAL AUTHORITIES HAD GREAT DIFFICULTY
IN PROVIDING FULL- TIME, ROUND- THE- CLOCK POLICE PROTECTION TO
CONSULAR FACILITIES. CONSULATE WAS NOT ASKING FOR THIS BUT
FOR PROTECTION ON SPECIFIC OCCASIONS AGAINST SPECIFIC THREATS
AND ANTICIPATED INCIDENTS. TEJA SAID INDIAN CONSULATE IN
NEW YORK AND EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON HAD NOT ENCOUNTERED
SIMILAR PROBLEMS.

2. REQUEST DEPARTMENT LET US KNOW WHAT FACTS IN THIS SITUATION
ARE AND, IF THERE ANY MERIT IN INDIAN POSITION, WE ASSUME
ACTION WILL BE TAKEN TO PROVIDE PROTECTION WHEN REQUIRED.
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